

Application No. 09/171,049  
Atty docket No. JA 138  
Response Dated September 24, 2003  
Reply to Final Office Action Mailed June 29, 2003  
Customer No. 27752

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.	:	09/171,049
Applicant	:	EBRAHIM REZAI ET AL.
Filed	:	October 12, 1998
Title	:	ABSORBENT MATERIALS HAVING
	:	IMPROVED STRUCTURAL
	:	STABILITY IN DRY AND WET
	:	STATES AND MAKING
	:	METHODS THEREFOR
Group Art Unit	:	1771
Examiner	:	C. Pratt
Docket No.	:	JA-138
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**Amendment After 1st Office Action Under 37 CFR 1.111(c)**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Arlington, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 29, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.